



St. Patrick's Parish, Doon—19th March 2017

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Dear Parishioner, Cracked-'Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything ... that's how the light gets in', Leonard Cohen.

No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it's important to remember. We live in a time when people's thoughts and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. A small mistake can cost someone their reputation or livelihood. An opinion expressed, particularly online, can invite a world of insults. It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them.

This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it is not how he sees us. The Samaritan woman Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well. But he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story and a context of her own. He engages her in intellectual conversation, listens to her, and wins her over.

Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as intimately. He knows our past and our faults, our 'cracks'. That is why he is able to speak to us, if we resolve to try and listen. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others.

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday's collection was €946-many thanks. **Trocaire Boxes** are available as you leave the Church.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers: 25th/26th March:

Readers:

6:30pm Eddie Greene
9:30am Mary Lysaght
11am Aidan Purcell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bridie Stapleton/Mary Ryan
John Hayes/Bridget Duggan
Patricia Murphy/Pauline Reale

Altar Servers: 25th/26th March:

6:30pm Eadaoin & Pdraig Crowe, Ciaran O'Dwyer
11am Martin & Isobel Maher, Roisin Doyle, Conor Kennedy

Anniversaries: 18th/19th March:

6:30pm Kitty & Tom Hogan & grandson Thomas.
Fr. Rodgie Maher, Toomaline & his sisters
Sr. Oliver, Sr. Alphonsus & Sr. Antonio.

9:30am John Joe & Josie Keogh & daughter Mary.

11am Tom Lenihan Cooga.
Thady Mackey, Gurtavalla.
Joe Berkery, Kilmoylan.

25th/26th March:

Michael Crowe, Cooga.
Jim Maher, Coolnamona.
Mary & Michael Shanahan, Foilalcleara & Joe & Mai Favier, Glenflesk, Kerry.
John Slattery, Cooga.
Mary Anderson, Coolbane-30th Anniv.
Eileen McLoughlin, Hillview Grove.

Recently deceased: Gerard Lynch, Wood Road Glengar. Pray for Margaret Bryson nee Loughman England & formerly Lisowen - funeral will take place in England. May they rest in peace. Sympathy to the bereaved.

Baptism: we welcome to our Christian community Ethel May Richardson. Congratulations to her parents Mark and Kathleen and her extended family.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday from 10am to 10pm. As a Lenten observance it may well be an opportunity for you to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact any member of the adoration group for more information.

Mulkear Outreach Group Chernobyl Children International: Annual Church Gate Collection next weekend. Your continued support is much appreciated

Archdiocese of Cashel & Emly: Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 16th-21st June. Fully inclusive Price €699. For more information contact Joe Walsh Tours, Dublin, Tel. (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Rev. Jimmy Donnelly, Doon (061) 380165.

MS Walk 2016: Thanks to all that took part and to Whelan's Bar & Mike Ryan (Tipperary Manager). A cheque for €7,795 was presented to the Limerick Branch of the MS Society.

Social Dancing: continues every Wed. night in Doon Community Centre @ 8pm. Beginners welcome.

Daffodil Day: is Fri. 24th. Daffodils will be on sale & your support is gratefully appreciated.

Lourdes Youth Group 2017: The draw for one 5th year student from Doon Parish was held at 6:30pm Mass last weekend, Alex English was drawn 1st, the 2nd drawn was Miriam Hayes & Rowan Treacy was 3rd. Thanks to all 3 for putting their names forward and we wish Alex well.

Building Rural Communities: Lessons from the World of Sport: is an Evening Conference taking place in MIC, Thurles, on Wed. 29th Mar. @ 7pm. Speakers include Pat Spillane, Anna May McHugh, Michael Ryan & John Hayes. Tickets must be pre-booked at 0504-21201.

JS Fitness & Performance: new training facility. Class schedule available on facebook & in local shops. Personal training also available. For more information call Joe (085) 7617485

Public Meeting: which was to take place on Tue. 21st March has been postponed & a new date will be announced shortly.

Rearcross Drama Group: present the hilarious 3 act comedy "Anyone Could Rob A Bank" by Thomas Coffey, on the following Sat. 25th, Sun. 26th, Thur. 30th, Fri. 31st March & Sun. 2nd April in Rearcross hall at 8:30 sharp. A great night of entertainment & laughter is assured.

Doon GAA: Lotto: Mon. 13th Mar. no's drawn 3-7-12-20, no winner. Next week's draw will be held in Kelly's Bar with a jackpot of €12,600. **Fixtures & Results:** will be sent out by text for weekday & weekend fixtures each week. If you would like to receive these texts please text your name to (087) 7818652. Alternatively you can search for Doon GAA on TeamApp where you can also receive these alerts. **Membership:** can be paid to registrar Patricia Murphy. **Save the Dates:** A night at the dogs will take place on April 1st in Limerick Dog Track. Tickets now available from committee members, tickets €10 each & juveniles are free on the night. Please support. Strictly Come Dancing on 29th Oct. in Doon community Centre. **Club Limerick Draw:** Top prize €10,000 each month. Please support Doon GAA & Limerick GAA. Cost: €100 for the year. Contact Donal Anderson (086) 8421747 for more details.